

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

1. (Presently amended) A ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition comprising:  
a ~~substrate having associated thereon a polymer composition comprising a polymer~~  
having at least ~~one~~ five mole percent, based on the total mole percent of the polymer, of one  
or more amide monomer units,  
wherein said amide monomer(s) is free of amine linkages in the side chains.
2. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1  
wherein said amide monomer has at least one amide moiety in the polymer backbone, in the  
polymer side chains, or a ~~combination thereof~~ in both.
3. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim  
2, wherein when the amide moiety is in the side chain then the monomer is free of amine  
linkages.
4. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1  
wherein said amide is a mono- or di-substituted amide.
5. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim  
1, ~~wherein said one or more amide comprises monomer units further comprising~~ N,N  
dimethylacrylamide, N,N diethylacrylamide, N-isopropylacrylamide, acryloyl morpholin, or a  
~~mixture~~ mixtures thereof.
6. (Presently amended) ~~The polymer-treated substrate~~ A substrate treated with the surface  
protection composition of claim 1 wherein said substrate is selected from the group  
consisting of glass, metal, wood, ceramic, plastic, textile, fabric, leather, fiber glass, cement,  
dishware, silverware, flooring, tile, concrete, paper, and fiber-board.

7. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer composition comprises at least 30 percent by weight of water.
8. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer is an amide homopolymer.
9. (Canceled)
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14. (Canceled)
15. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 14 wherein said polymer comprises at least 25 mole percent of one or more non-amide monomer(s).
16. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises at least one anionic monomer.
17. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 16 wherein said anionic monomer is selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids, di-carboxylic acids, sulfonic acids and phosphonic acids.

18. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises from 1 to 50 mole percent of one or more hydrophobic monomers.
19. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises from 0.1 to 20 mole percent of at least one hydroxy alkyl urea monomer.
20. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer composition further comprises from 5 to 70 percent by weight of at least one surfactant.
21. (Presently amended) The ~~polymer-treated substrate~~ surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer composition further comprises comprising one or more ingredients from the group consisting of surfactants, builders, ion exchangers, alkalies, anticorrosion materials, antiredeposition materials, optical brighteners, fragrances, dyes, chelating agents, enzymes, whiteners, brighteners, antistatic agents, sudsing control agents, solvents, hydrotropes, bleaching agents, perfumes, bleach precursors, water, buffering agents, soil removal agents, soil release agents, softening agents, opacifiers, inert diluents, buffering agents, corrosion inhibitors, graying inhibitors, stabilizers, humectants, anti-microbial agents, and fungicides.
22. (Presently amended) A method ~~to protect~~ of protecting a substrate from environmental factors comprising:
- a) forming a protective ~~composition comprising a~~ polymer composition, said polymer composition ~~comprising~~ having a polymer having at least ~~one~~ five mole percent of one or more amide monomer units, wherein said amide monomer(s) is free of amine linkages; and
  - b) ~~contacting~~ applying said protective composition ~~with~~ to a substrate.

23. (Presently amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said protective composition is applied to said substrate by ~~means of spray, immersion,~~ spraying, immersing and/or brushing.
24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said protective composition is aqueous-based.
25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said protective composition is formulated as a laundry detergent, a dishwasher detergent, a fabric softener, a rinse aid, an anti-wrinkle spray, a hard-surface cleaner/disinfectant, a personal care product, a water-treatment, a concrete additive, or a metal-working fluid.